

## CLOSING THE LONG DISPUTE

THE ANGLO-VENEZUELAN ARBITRATION  
TREATY SIGNED.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY IN SECRETARY OLNEY'S OFFICE—FULL TEXT OF THE TREATY MADE PUBLIC—FOUR ARBITRATORS NAMED—THE BOUNDARY COM-

DISSOLVED.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Anglo-Venezuelan arbitration treaty was signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, and Señor José Andrade, the Venezuelan Minister, in the office of Secretary Olney, at the State Department, at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon, signaling the amicable termination of a controversy which has lasted nearly a century, as well as the resumption of diplomatic negotiations between two countries which have been suspended for ten years.

The British Ambassador, accompanied by Henry Outram Bax-Ironside, attaché of the Embassy, reached the Department just before

o'clock, and a few minutes later the Venezuelan Minister appeared, with Manuel M. Póntic, Jr., Secretary of Legation, and James J. Storer, the counsel of Venezuela before the Commission and the Arbitral Tribunal.

Señor Andrade brought with him a magnificent pen with which the important documents were subsequently signed. It was sent to him by his brother, who, it is universally known, will be the next President of the Venezuelan Republic, and to whom it will be returned as a souvenir. It consisted of a gold pen fastened in a holder made from an eagle's skull, bearing midway from the top a gold heart thickly in-

crusted with diamonds. While the two Plenipotentiaries were formally exchanging their credentials, the copies of the treaty, which were printed, were carefully compared by Mr. Baxton and Mr. Cridler, chief of the Diplomatic Bureau of the State Department, who made all the drafts of the document and printed the copies. These were in the English language, Spanish not being used, although the tongue of Venezuela, the only difference being that in the Venezuelan copy that country is always mentioned first, and the British vice-versa.

The British Ambassador signed "Julian Pauncefote" to both copies, Señor Andrade, following, affixed his signature, and Mr. Cridler affixed their respective seals. The formalities having been quickly completed, there was a general exchange of congratulations, which were pressed

The treaty names Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court as Venezuela's representatives and Lord Herschell, formerly Lord High Chancellor of England, and Sir Richard Henn Collins, one of the Justices of the Queen's

Bench Division of the High Court of Justice as representatives of Great Britain. These four high commissioners are to meet, according to the terms of the treaty, in Parliament within six months of its ratification. They are to nominate a fifth member, and, in the event of their failure to select a suitable person, King Oscar of Sweden and Norway is empowered to make the selection. Counsel appointed by Great Britain and Venezuela will appear before the tribunal, and submit the arguments on which the claims of their respective Governments are based.

An interesting effect of the treaty will be the abolition of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission, of which Justice Brewer is president. The dissolution will occur when Secretary Olney informs Justice Brewer that the purposes for which the commission was organized have been accomplished.

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of Venezuela have resolved to submit to arbitration the question involved, and the Government of the United States has accordingly appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honorable Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the Right Honorable the Most Honorable Privy Councillor, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath and of the Most Distinguished Order of Michael and St. George, the Right Honorable the American Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States; and the President of the United States of Venezuela, Señor José Antonio Rodríguez, both of whom have been duly accredited to each other by their respective full powers, which were found to be in conformity with the agreement concluded as hereinafter set forth.

Article I.—An Arbitral Tribunal shall be im-

line between the Colony of British Guiana and the United States of Venezuela.

COMPOSITION OF THE TRIBUNAL

Article II.—The Tribunal shall consist of five jurists: two in the part of Great Britain, nomi-

nated by the members of the Council, Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, namely, the Right Hon. Baron Herschell, Knight of the Bath, and the Hon. Sir Richard Henn Collins, Knight, one of the Justices of Her Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature; two on the part of Venezuela, nominated, one by the President of the United States of Venezuela, namely, the Hon. Melville Westor Fuller, Chief

Justice of the United States of America, and one nominated by the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, namely, the Hon. David Josiah Brewer, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America; and of a fifth jurist, to be selected by the four persons so nominated, or, in the event of

their failure to agree within three months from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the Convention, shall be elected by His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway. The jurist so selected shall be president of the Tribunal. In case of the death, absence or incapacity to serve of any of the four arbitrators above named, or of any of the four arbitrators omitting or declining or ceasing to act as such, another jurist of like repute shall be forthwith substituted in his place. If such vacancy shall occur among those nominated on the part of Great Britain, the person who shall be appointed by the members for the time being of the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, acting by a majority, and if among those nominated on the part of the United States, by the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, acting by a majority. If such vacancy shall occur in the case of the fifth arbitrator, a substitute shall be appointed by the Government of the United States for with regard to the original appointment.

Article III.—The Tribunal shall investigate and ascertain the extent of the territories invaded and occupied by the United States, and shall

(c) Adverse holding or prescription during a period of fifty years shall make a good title.